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SUBJECT: EXCHANGING DEFENSE ATTACHES WITH LAOS

REF: A. STATE 88478

[1](#)B. VIENTIANE 0725

[1](#)C. VIENTIANE 0790

(U) The Embassy seeks Washington action to establish a Defense Attache position in Vientiane in response to the offer to exchange defense attaches delivered during the visit of a senior Lao military official to the United States in June (ref a). The Lao intention to exchange defense attaches was confirmed during the visit to Vientiane of DOD OSD-Policy Lao Desk Officer Tom Shubert in September (ref b) and again during Bilateral Defense Talks held in Vientiane in October (ref c). Establishing a defense attache position in Vientiane has been a USG objective for many years and is clearly in USG interests. The opportunity to do so should be acted upon in a timely manner. The Embassy looks forward to receiving an NSDD-38 request in the near future.
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